(c) whether Government are also contemplating to permit installation of power units in the Joint Sector?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRIMATI SUSHILA ROHATGI): (a) to (c) The policy with regard to the generation and distribution of electricity is regulated by the Industrial Policy Resolution of 1956. The expansion of the existing privately-owned utilities or the establishment of new units in the private sector is not precluded under the Resolution. Joint sector proposals are also examined on merits.

A Working Group was set up to study the modalities of private sector participation in power generation. The Report of the Working Group is being examined.

Total amount of unintended profits

3388. SHRI AJIT P. K. JOGI: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) what is the approximate amount earned by various drug and medicine companies as unintended profit in the country;

(b) how and by when Government expect to recover the aforesaid unintended profit;

(c) whether any companies have been showing the amounts of unintended profit in their balance sheets;

(d) if so, whether these dues have been verified by Government and have the recovery proceedings been initiated in all these cases; and

(e) to which account such unintended profits would be credited with the discontinuance of the Drug Prices Equalisation Account and for what purpose the same would be utilised?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICALS AND PETRO-CHEMICALS IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI R. K. JAICHANDRA SINGH): (a) and (b) Prices of about 350 bulk drugs and several thousand formulations based thereon are controlled under the Drugs (Prices Control) Order, 1979. No precise estimate of the total amount due to the Drug Prices Equalisation Account and the time limit for its recovery can be given.

(c) and (d) To the extent information is available, M/s. Glindia has been showing their liabilities to the Drug Prices Equalisation Account in their balance-sheets. The matter being sub-judice, no recovery proceedings could be initiated in their case.

(e) Necessary provision would be made in the new Drugs Prices Control Order and the amount realised will be used for the purpose stipulated in the Drugs (Prices Control) Order, 1979.

Production of 3, 4 diamino-benzophenone

3389. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the companies which are licensed and regigstered to produce 3, 4 diamino-benzophenone in the country alongwith the capacity approved in each case;

(b) what was the production of each company during 1986-87;

(c) whether it is a fact that this intermediate is allowed for import under open General Licence;

(d) whether it is also a fact that huge capacities are lying unutilised for the production of this intermediate in the country; and

(e) if so, what steps have been taken to help the units towards fuller utilisation of capacity?